

**Falls Church Environmental Services Council
Approved Minutes
City Hall – Training Room
Thursday, February 15, 2007**

Present: Melissa Teates, Ralph Yatsko, Nancy Lee, Kathy Allan (staff), Lindy Hockenberry (City Council liaison), Brenda Creel (staff), Tricia Samora (staff)

Guest: Bill Schellstede

1. Chair Ralph Yatsko called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes for January 2007 were approved as amended.

Action Items

3. Proposed FY08 Operating budget for CIP—Brenda Creel

Storm water facilities improvement project: Brenda identified problems with storm water conveyance, currently undersized. In 2003 start to map system with Corps of Engineers (Corps). Two years ago began a system-wide cleaning, 1300 tons of debris cleared. Identified many points for repair. Worked with Corps to develop hydrologic model to evaluate system and will develop a list of priority projects. Strong support with county agencies to partner and address issues. Funding w/CIP to make improvements, try to develop holistic approach and include retention facilities. Expect list by July.
Improvement costs \$500K.

Trippls Run streambank restoration:
Improvement costs \$150K.

Daylight pipe streamed: Study done to 10 segments and outfall. Need modeling information, run hydrological model to ensure enough width, etc. to daylight. Budgeted for 2 yrs. Goal is for half project to be grant funded (FEMA grants)
Improvement costs \$600K for 2 yrs.

Transportation Programs: Pedestrian and traffic calming. Looking at grant \$\$ for 2008-address traffic volume, speed, etc. Develop list of traffic calming projects within neighborhoods. Pedestrian masterplan should include bike-ability.
Improvement cost \$200K.

Intermodal transportation center: Include bikes, bus, George, City Center function. 2008-2011.
Improvement costs \$450K local, \$1.668 M Federal funds.

The Council's strategic plan emphasizes environmental harmony. One goal is watershed management. Need to update or may actually need to develop new watershed management plan. NPDES 5 yr plan have moved city forward.

This proposed operating budget is a maintenance budget, flat budget. Have reorganized assets and responsibilities such as with Kathy and Tricia. Budget includes purchase of three hybrid pick-up trucks. Discussion on new initiative for hazardous waste program. Each event costs \$20K.

Question: ESC in the past has requested purchase of large bins for recycle, they pay for themselves in 5 yrs. Any consideration in budget?

Answer: Did not put forward this year. Cost \$165K.

4. Climate Protection Initiative Task Force- Melissa

Melissa provided overview, identified what the city is currently doing. Recommend FC follow Arlington—only do baseline on city/govt.
Do plan for business, plan for residence.
Suggest city sign on to US Mayor's Initiative.
Establishing 1990 baseline may be challenging. Establish baseline, but may not be 1990.
May want to bring in what efforts already ongoing in the existing plan.
Challenge for council—how to prioritize efforts.

ICLEI software may provide good data on what the trade-offs are, may be the best way to proceed.

Action: Review report and provide Melissa comment by Tues 2/20

5. Bike Friendly City

Ralph reported nothing new on this. Ralph is still awaiting report.

Update/Discussion Items

6. 2007 Priority Actions

- **Solid Waste Management (SWM)**

Nothing new. Nothing new on business recycling. Two new buildings have building recycling.

- **Energy Efficiency**

Green Building Policy

Ralph contacted Helen, they want to use Arlington as an example and model. Do things to get LEED points, supplement w/Energy Star. Get her ideas and share at this meeting. March 5 City Council meeting will meet and discuss w/Helen

Action: Helen will come to next ESC meeting March 15.

Change a Light Campaign

Nothing to report.

Action: Kathy will begin working on the program/campaign when the leaf mulch campaign is completed.

- **Watershed Management**

Watershed Management Plan

Kathy and Tricia reviewed watershed management plan. Tricia noted those items that had been accomplished. Most short-term items were completed. The plan has successfully guided much of the action

Action: Provide copy of action plan and accomplishments by next ESC meeting March 15.

Green Roof Demonstration Project

Do we want to refocus our approach? Demo upcoming commercial ones.

Daylighting

Skip

7. Special Pickup and Yard Waste Set-out Requirements – Code Amendment Update

Kathy mentioned health code may change. Move items from solid waste code to health code. It would change enforcement, such as accumulations on material on premises. Asked to have it moved from work session so we can think more about it. May need to update solid waste code and health code.

Action: None

8. Other Business

Green Builders, Realtors, Auditors, Mortgages

Nothing new to report.

Healthy Habitat Month at the Library

Kathy noted to expect announcements to promote events.

Action: none

9. Announcements

Leaf mulch—will get rid of it all. Kathy did letters to contact people who have received mulch previously. Notified them this will be the last year to receive a letter. Request are 50/50 response from Internet and hard copy.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next ESC meeting will be **March 15, 2007**.

11. Adjournment

Ralph adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Lee.